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Rich,
In response to Chairman Nottingham's request for information

MRL expects high, however normal, demand on our system for grain traffic and higher than average coal traffic in 4Q 2007 and has prepared accordingly. We have hired and trained train employees in 2007 and have the ability to handle the expected volumes. We do not handle much in the way of chemicals and intermodal.

We do not set goals for train speed and cars on line however do measure dwell on a daily basis in our yards. Our dwell goals in 4Q mirror those in all other quarters during the year. We have hired and trained the necessary trainmen for 4Q and into 2008.

We have no plans to communicate the above to customers.

During 2007, we extended many yard tracks, increased lengths on two sidings and replaced significant miles of rail and 120,000 new ties in anticipation of traffic levels in 2007, 2008 and beyond.

We will have completed our critical capacity related infrastructure needs, as noted above, by November 2007.

Hope this helps,

Tom

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